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Letter
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"You have most likely forgotten the conversation wh. gives
me an excuse for writing to you, I have just been reading an
article on "governesses" written by you, which, shewing how
much interest you take in education has made me again wish
to draw your attention to a scheme which to my mind promises
to meet every difficulty with wh. the subject is beset. I do
wish I might interest you so far that you wd. be induced to
study the subject for yourself &, in due time, write upon it
so as to gain general attention.

The reform I propose shd. begin at the foot of the ladder
& work upwards - & I fear you will say that is precisely what
you see no need for as Nat. schools, those at the foot, are
in so satisfactory a state that yr. only wish is that better
class chn. either went to these same schools or were otherwise
as well taught also, that this instinct is to be communicated only
by means of constant personal influence.

There are four great diff. to be met at the outset.

First - the displacing of existing trs. On this head, it
is to be considered that the change wd. nec. be gradual - other
emp. wd. open, while on the other hand, the country wd. profit
by the most valuable kind of labour, that of cultivated & ed.
people - esp. a new and real sphere of useful work wd. be pro-
vided & opened for women.

The social standing of such trs. shd. be recognized. This
wd. hardly be a diff. as most managers wd. be only too glad to
have gentle, pleasant-minded fellow-workers.

Then, such trs. shd. be as thoroughly trained & prepared to work as hard as does the present body. Such training wd. be at first the great diff. Each of H.M.'s Inspectors might perhaps indicate a sch. in his dis. where practical training might be obtained, to be seconded by a few months at a training school.

Afterwards, the work of training trs. both for Nat. & private schools as well as for gov. in families wd. take an imp. place in the working of a sch.

Such pupil trs. shd. be chosen with ref. to their homes, Shd. be educated with all usual accom.

Ths Nat. schools wd. train a race of thoroughly taught governesses who wld. in the meantime be giving valuable help. Also, a sup. class of chn. wd. be attracted as boarders or otherwise, with the view of being hereafter trained as trs. & these wd. help to give tone to the sch.

The remaining diff. is a money one. Such stipends shd. be offered in these schools as wd. make the prof. fairly paying.

If the desired result is instruction as extended & thorough as the time in school & the power of the chn. will allow, then I do think the schools most efficient - in most cases they really do send out sharp-witted, fairly well-taught boys & girls. But they might do more. Sch. influence is or might be while it lasts almost unlimited; this influence is in the hands of government & by gov. deputed to clergymen & others who wd. naturally use their power in favour of law & order. And yet,

the "discrepances" of classe & class increase. Clever Nat.
Sch. boys use their wits on the 'International' & altogether
things get more & more wrong every year. If culture were
imparted in these schools so that the chn. left them with
the habits of veneration, trust & graciousness

or . . . p. 11

1843.

4 Lincen Place -
Worthing. Monday -

Dear Sir

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give you an idea of the
possible financial working
of our scheme, & I was
anxious to do so before
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" Richer do. (12), £4. "

or, including languages, £6. "

" Gentlemen (incl. lang.) (8), £10. "

Boarders. Chn. of gentlemen
to feed P. & V. class - £40.

with languages.

For Music, an additional
payment in each case.

All Chn. expected to make
companions of their own
order. to prevent loafing,
as well as other evils.

Pupil-teachers. of an age to
be confirmed. say 15 or 16.

To work the school -

To receive no payment.

To board with Principal

paying £30 a year -

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French & Drawing by Masters.

1 or more in a school.

These not all to be designed

for Mrs. some for private teaching.

but - the principle of the thing

being, that 3 yrs. pupil-teaching

is the best kind of 'finish' -

giving the mental culture

to be had by working, mixed

to mind, with a cultivated person.

besides an opportunity of

doing useful work in the world.

It is an education.

In fact, it will be a preparation

for a University: or, still

more important, a substitute

really making a liberal education

possible to youth not intended for
Universities. by giving an opportunity

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to continue their education
to an age when they wd be
overgrown boys in a school.

Incense. (Boarders & P. trs. wd
cost - about - £16. a head.

Outsiders. One source of income
remains. ^{Lessons in} ~~Classes~~ for certain
subjects, say, French, German,
Gymnastics, Nat. Science, Arithmetic
to be open to outsiders, at £4
a yr. per subject.

Income -

<u>School Fees</u>	£30 + 30 + 40 + 48 + 12 (Compagnes)
	+ 80 = £240
<u>Foot front</u>	- - - 60.
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<u>Pupil. teachers</u>	- - - 240
<u>Outsiders (say 12 or 13)</u>	- - - 50

A total of £750.

Expenses. School rooms provided
House, possibly so.

Masters for 4 term & Dy. £100.

Board for P. trs. &c. 200

School room exp. 50

Other expenses 150

(I am not sure whether £16 a head
covers servants -)

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practicability.

Take this school -

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(^{rather} ~~these~~ learning French, Music,
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for housekeeping, &c.

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 " large " £4 -
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 " gentlemen inc. lay - £10 -

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 make comparisons of their
 own order. This to prevent
 trading as well as ~~settling~~ the will.
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 at least £20 more - £165.

Then, persons invited
 to attend the lessons on
 such & such subjects -
 grammar £4 a y. - Arithmetic
 This I think, would ~~after~~
 answer even now - Suppose
 12 such pupils. & we have
 a salary of £200 a year - at least
 without any personal expenses

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